

Remarks

Reconsideration is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1, 15, 24, 25, 45, and 53 are amended. New claims 60-61 are added. Claims 1-61 are pending.

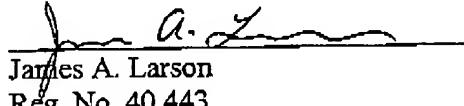
With respect to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 24-44, directed to a mold assembly, with traverse. Applicants do not wish to be bound by the Examiner's stated reasoning in requiring restriction. In addition, it has not been established how the claims of Groups I and II are distinct, and it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be removed, at least as to the claims of Groups I and II and that the claims of Groups I and II be examined together.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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